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THE SUPER MODEL

'No hospital overcharging patients in zone'

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Since last year, Bengaluru's East zone has been one of the most organised zones in covid-19 patient grievance redressal.

The zone has so far not left a single occasion for private hospitals to overcharge patients. East zone has put up notices at all hospital entrances of bed charges, alongside contact numbers of both IAS and IPS officers in charge, for the patients to contact, if need be.

The officers are using the minority helpline as covid helpline in the zone where patients are now calling in to seek help.

Overcharging, issues regarding bed blocking, medical negligence and complaints against hospitals and doctors, have been rampant since the beginning of the pandemic.

East zone (1) is being managed by IPS officer Alok Kumar and IAS officer Manivannan P. Since the time they have assumed

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"Our contact numbers and minority helpline are displayed at the entrance of hospitals. We are using the minority helpline as covid helpline..." — ADGP Alok Kumar

'Double' impact on mobility

Five electric double-decker buses to be run on pilot basis after 6 months

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Double-decker buses may soon make a comeback in the city. Once upon a time, double-decker buses were the favourites of Bengalureans as many would wait for hours just to get into the first floor of the bus to have a better view of the city roads. However, with the rapid growth of the city, double-decker buses were shelved. After deliberations for a long time, the BMTC is now planning to reintroduce these on a pilot project, though challenges remain. Interestingly, this time, it could be an electric double-decker.

"We have been discussing with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) regarding the reintroduction of double-decker buses in Bengaluru. However, they have reverted back saying it won't be possible to implement in the city. The primary reason for this objection has been the height of Foot-Over-Bridges (FOBs) that would deter the movement of double-decker buses. Each FOB will be 3.8-4.5 metres high making it difficult for double-decker buses to pass through. However, we have requested for five electric double-decker buses to be run on a pilot basis. The plan is still in the discussion phase; we have received consent for five buses for now and it's likely to be rolled-out after six months," BMTC managing director V Anbu Kumar

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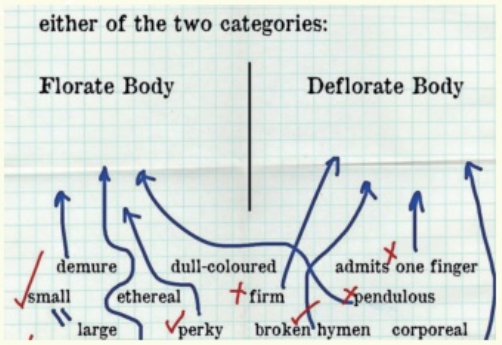
3 THINGS TO DO



01 Of women's body

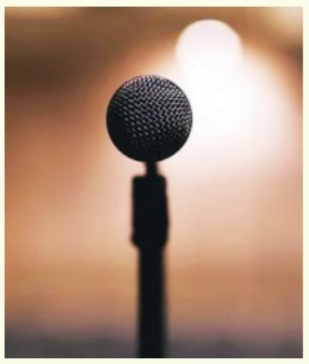
KathaSiyah, a Bengaluru-based arts group, is performing a digital show, 'The Amazing Flabby-Breasted Virgin & Other Sordid Tales'. The playful piece is written and directed by Ayesha Susan Thomas. It will be presented to the audience as a performative archive on an interactive website. This performance is part of an educational arts project on systemic issues in both medicine and education today. It plays with the myths and magical thinking that surround and define the non-masculine, non-heterosexual body. Inspired by the writings of a contemporary Indian feminist gynaecologist, it poses surreal and satirical questions about how women's bodies are taught, perceived and practiced within medical education in the urban Indian context.
Where: Online; When: Feb 4 to 13, multiple timings
Register: insider.in

02 Play date

Take yourself out to watch Janashatru, the Kannada adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's play 'An Enemy of the People'. It's bound to be a treat. The original text by Ibsen was written as a response to the public outcry against his previous drama, Ghosts, that openly discussed adultery and syphilis. It is the story of a man who dares to speak the bitter truth and is punished for it. Janashatru attempts to underscore the importance of being an individual in times of majoritarian democracy. **Where: Ranga Shankara; Cost: Rs 150**
When: Feb 4, 7.30 pm; Register: bookmyshow.com

03 Jest do it

Do you have a special talent for jokes? Here's your chance to try your best jokes out in front of a live audience. Frontrow is organising open mic sessions, twice every day. Book your virtual seats now and get ready to laugh or make people laugh. Each session will last one hour and 15 minutes.



Where: Zoom; Register: bookmyshow.com
When: Feb 2 onwards at 8 and 10 pm

Protest at BU continues

Despite the lathi charge on Monday, ABVP activists continue demonstrations against BU and VC, demand fair grading, mark sheets, basic hostel facilities

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Activists gathered near the head office at Jnanabharathi campus

A day after Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists were lathi-charged by the police during protests at Bangalore University (BU), demonstrations continued at the campus on Tuesday. Police personnel arrived at the spot early in the morning anticipating protest.

At 11 am, activists who had gathered near the head office at the Jnanabharathi campus started to shout slogans against the university and its vice-chancellor (VC) and demanded that he came to the spot to listen to their pleas. The police asked the activists to stay calm while protesting. Members of the National Student Union of India (NSUI) had arrived at the spot too but were sent away by the police.

One activist, speaking during the protest, raised the issue of mark sheets not being given to students at the proper time again and pointed out that students were allotted marks in an unfair manner in the recently declared results in one of the BU departments. Further, he spoke of the hostel facilities that are in a bad condition.

He then spoke of how activists had been lathi-charged at the campus without the VC's permission on Monday and yet many had gathered again to demand basic facilities at the university.

VC KR Venugopal arrived at the spot and tried his best to calm the agitated protestors but the activists continued to vent their anger against the university and the VC, chanting slogans.

"The results have been declared late, mark sheets are not being handed out properly and rampant land grabbing is going on within the 1,300 acres of the university land.

This land is being used to build petrol pumps, hotels, bars and restaurants. In spite of our fight against land grabbing, no action is being taken. Moreover, 802 mark sheets have been tampered with and there is ample evidence too," an activist said.

The VC told BM, "The results have been delayed due to the pandemic as many evaluators have to come from far off places. We will try to declare the pending results within a week." Meanwhile, a student of BU expressed that they were not happy with ABVP's demonstrations.

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Tension at BU campus
Violence broke out at the Bangalore University as police resorted to a lathi charge against ABVP members

On Feb 1 BM reported that police resorted to a lathi charge against ABVP activists

Groundwork for World Heritage List

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The Hoysala Temples of Belur, Halebid and Somnathapura, built in the 12th and 13th centuries, in Karnataka have been finalised as India's nomination for World Heritage List for the year 2022-2023. The efforts for this have been going on since 1992. Although Karnataka is rich in culture and heritage, only Hampi and Pattadakal in the state are considered as UNESCO World Heritage sites. For the last few decades, there has been a demand to promote more places to secure a spot on this coveted list. Officials have been working hard since the 1990s to put the Hoysala Temples on the list. In fact, the 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala' are on UNESCO's Tentative list since April 15, 2014.

However, their efforts still have a long way to go before the temples can make it to the UNESCO list. According to the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the first step is the submission of the dossier to the World Heritage Centre, following which technical scrutiny will be carried out.

On Monday, Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO Vishal V Sharma formally submitted the nomination of Hoysala Temples to UNESCO Director of World Heritage Lazare Eloundou. Post the submission, UNESCO will revert on the same by early March.

The Hoysala temple at Somanathapura

The efforts to put the temples on the list have been going on since 1992

The site evaluation will happen in September/October this year and the dossier will be taken up for consideration in July/August next year.

Currently, the temples have been declared as protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). According to PIB, "The state government will ensure the conservation of state-protected monuments which are around these three monuments since it would add to the visual integrity of the place. The District Master Plan of the state government will also incorporate buffers of all monuments and build an integrated management plan. The state government will also look into the traffic management issues, especially around the designated property."

"These temples attest to the creativity and skill of the Hoysala artists and architects who built these masterpieces of a kind never seen before or since. The Hoysala architects used their profound knowledge of temple architecture in different parts of India to their advantage. The Hoysala Temples have a basic Dravidian morphology but show strong influences of the Bhumija mode widely used in Central India, the Nagara traditions of northern and western India, and the Karnataka Dravida modes favoured by the Kalyani Chalukyas. Therefore, the Hoysala architects made considered and informed eclectic selections of features from other temple typologies which they further modified and then complemented with their own particular innovations. The result was the birth of a completely novel Hoysala Temple form." the PIB release stated.

According to UNESCO, "The monuments included on the World Heritage List sites must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of ten selection criteria. The criteria are regularly revised by the committee to reflect the evolution of the concept, World Heritage."

Thief runs out of luck

After successfully robbing homes for 13 years, accumulating gold, silver articles worth ₹59 lakh, man gets caught stealing by homemaker

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A 42-year-old man, who was following women and clicking photos of them holding keys to their homes to make copies of the keys and rob houses, was arrested by the Hebbal police on Tuesday. The accused has previously burgled over 14 houses and looted gold and silver articles worth Rs 59 lakh over the past 13 years. The accused, Murali P, is a resident of Kaval Bhairasandra and was working as a salesman at a private firm until 2009. He quit the job to pursue crime full time.

The police said that he had not been caught for 13 years but his luck has run out and he was caught red-handed inside a home while stealing valuables. He was caught by the homemaker of the house who returned home early after dropping her son off at school in the last week of December.

She, with the help of neighbours, caught him and handed over to the police who took him into custody for a detailed investigation. A senior officer said that the accused would

He would photograph keys in women's hands as they dropped children to school, make copies and rob homes

follow women who were dropping their children at school and would zero down on his target based on the clothes and jewellery they wore. "He would follow them closely before clicking the photos of the house keys which they generally hold in their hand. He had purchased (samples of) duplicate keys and made the duplicate keys at home. He would recce the house for a few days and plan the day and time to steal using a duplicate key," he said.

The police said that he has been living with his wife and children in a rented house and has been enjoying a lavish lifestyle. The police, after interrogating him, arrested his associate Shivaram, who was disposing of the booty and getting him money. Based on the information shared by them, the police has recovered 1,132 grams of gold valuables and 1,210 grams of silver articles worth Rs 59 lakh from him.

Out on bail, stalker strikes again

Complainant says he followed minor to school, spread rumours and fabricated videos

A Child Welfare Committee member has filed a complaint against a man accused in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act case for stalking, threatening and uploading fabricated videos of a minor on social media to defame the minor girl.

The accused, identified as Vinod, 25, was arrested for sexually assaulting a minor girl in 2017 with whom he claimed to have a relationship.

The accused, after being released on bail last year, started to harass the victim again. The complainant, who is a member of the Child Welfare Committee, helped the victim in the case and lodged a complaint against him with the police.

In her complaint to the police, she stated that the accused stalked the victim on her way to her school, spread rumours about her among other students and uploaded fabricated videos of victims and him on social media to defame her. She said that he even called her (the complainant) for supporting the victim and threatened her with dire consequences.

He wrote bad comments about the victim on the walls opposite the complainant's house, it is said.

The Gangagamanna Gudi police have booked the accused under charges of stalking, intimidating to outrage the modesty of women, criminal intimidation, threatening to damage the reputation and defamation. Further investigation is underway. — BMB

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Star horse Evaldo's huge gallop at Chennai Derby

The horse helps trainer Prasanna, owner Manoj enter the Hall of Fame

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Even before the countdown for the Chennai Derby's sundown began, two young hopefuls from Bengaluru fancied their chances to make the elite league and enter the Hall Of Fame. Leading trainer Prasanna Kumar was confident that Evaldo from his yard, bar a mishap would gallop home to wear the Derby sash and Manoj Kumar, the owner of star performer Evaldo trusted his colt to win the richest and most prestigious event. Evaldo uncorked a champagne effort and emerged champ to the delight of Manoj and Prasanna.

The maiden classic success was a dream come true for Manoj. The sporting owner, who made a mark in cricket, representing Karnataka in different age group levels before he entered the racing scene was ecstatic. "I knew it was coming and the moment it happened I first couldn't believe it and it took a little while to sink in," said the unassuming owner, who would have loved to take a piece of Chennai track home. The fact that Evaldo won a Derby in only his third start was special and the top draw performance was a slap in the face of most pundits and a couple of old hats in the game, who made no secret of their opinion that the mile-and-half classic journey was not in his compass.

Trainer Prasanna Kumar (left) and owner Manoj Kumar pose with Evaldo, the winner of the South India Derby

Prasanna Kumar knew that this talented Gusto colt from the Bishan Stud Farm would comfortably stay and after his final preparatory gallop at his parent-centre, Prasanna most satisfied knew that Evaldo was the horse they all had to beat and with a little luck he will be leading in another Derby winner after his Indian Derby success on the galloping gold-mine War Hammer. "This Derby victory was very special. I was always doing my best to help Manoj realise his dream and now that it has happened, I feel happy that I have made my dear friend proud," said Prasanna adding that Evaldo's next target will be the Indian Turf Invitation Cup on the first Sunday of March and this again is in Chennai.

Manoj, director and head of Hitachi Rail STS, India disclosed that small owners winning big plums is good for the game. "It provides a new dimension to the sport. It gives the small owners who make small investments in the game hope. Bred at Bishan Stud Farm, which does not figure in the top five stud farms of the country, Evaldo provided hope and in the big challenge produced a brilliant winning gallop in the hands of Akshay Kumar. "He powered home like the Gatimaan Express, the fastest train in India speeding from Delhi to Jhansi," said Manoj pointing out that Gatimaan Express runs on the Hitachi technology hitting 160 kmph speeds.``

> **"I was always doing my best to help Manoj realise his dream and now that it has happened**
>
> – Prasanna Kumar, trainer

The blue riband has provided Prasanna a shot in-the-arm considering that the leading trainer was not enjoying the winter season, a couple of top ranked horses including Obsidian failing to raise the bar in their effort to make a mark in the big league. Now that Evaldo has struck gold, Prasanna will soon hit the high road and that will bring the cheer back in the top trainer's camp.

Manoj who owns seven horses, immensely pleased with the success, revealed that Evaldo is the first horse he bought jointly in his and his wife Gaja's name. And Lady luck surely has helped do the trick and realise my dream.

Covid-19: East side story

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charge both have been strictly monitoring all hospitals in the jurisdiction. About 14 hospitals come under the two officers in East Zone (1). The officers often make surprise visits to the hospitals and interact with the patients to understand their problems and fix them. East zone has been a good example for all the other zones to follow and implement the rules strictly so that the public are not facing any problem with hospitalisations.

ADGP Alok Kumar said hospitals have displayed the officers' contact numbers, in the jurisdiction, for people to reach out: "Our personal contact numbers and minority helpline number have been displayed at the entrance of the hospitals. We are using the minority helpline number as the covid helpline number in the East zone for people to lodge complaints against hospitals, if required. As covid cases are lower, we are trying to keep it low key so that people don't panic seeing the helpline numbers; all preparations are going on. We are creating awareness in the East zone about the helpline number and have put notices mentioning the bed charges set up by the state government for covid-19 patients so that everything is transparent. The old volunteer group is still active and all of them coordinate with each other to attend cases; the helpline has been active for 15 days."

Manivannan who took charge as the secretary to the Government of Karnataka for minority welfare, decided to use the minority helpline for covid-19 efforts. A volunteer who handles the minority/covid helpline said as the cases are lower now, the service has been receiving very few calls in connection with hospital related issues.

"Most of the calls that we receive are for bed blocking and BU code generation, which we divert to the other helplines concerned. We have received very few complaints against hospitals regarding billing and over-charging issues," she said.

Recently, a woman who was allocated an ICU bed in BR Ambedkar Hospital contacted the helpline stating, the hospital was not taking her in as there were no ICU beds despite the fact that she was allocated a bed by the BBMP. The helpline staff, who checked with the control room and found out that there was a technical snag, immediately helped the woman to get an ICU bed in Bowring Hospital within an hour, and shifted her.

In another case, a 71-year-old woman admitted at Sir CV Raman General Hospital complained to the helpline requesting to be shifted to another hospital. She alleged the food there was not good, the doctors were not taking care of her properly and was not happy with the treatment. The staff and officers spoke to the doctors immediately and rectified the problem. She was also provided guidance on the procedure to change the hospital.

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'Great last and first mile addition'

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told Bangalore Mirror.

Kumar said the height of these double-decker buses will be 4 to 4.5 metres: "BMTC already has a history of double-decker buses that had to be phased out due to various reasons. Right now, citizens are showing an increased interest in double-decker buses; we will try out all ideas to bring them to the public. After a trial run with these buses, a solution will have to be worked out after making an assessment of the bus height and the foot-overbridge height. We also have plans to deploy double-deckers in the outer areas where there are lesser foot overbridges. Based on the success of the five pilot buses, we will place demand for a larger number in future."

Sources said the procurement of EV double-deckers will make it eco-friendly and ensure the iconic buses are back.

Many people believe that the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) which is seeing a decline in ridership may ride on EV double-decker buses to get back a section of commuters. With increased seating capacity, double-deckers can also help to cut down the rush of office-goers during peak hours.

Welcoming BMTC double-deckers, Srinivas Alavilli of Janaagraha said: "Double-decker buses are not just any other public transport. They bring a certain character and vibrancy to the urban landscape, as they offer glimpses of the city to residents and visitors in a new light, literally and figuratively. Double-decker buses can become vehicles for our rich heritage - the Karaga loop, for example."

With Metro and suburban trains taking root, double-decker buses can also be a great last and first mile addition to workplaces like IT parks, he added.

The size of buses may see a drastic change. Currently, the BMTC is deploying smaller electric buses in the city on a pilot basis.

Recently, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had suggested that transport corporations should go for smaller buses for efficient travel in the city.

Though double-decker buses are completely scrapped in Namma Bengaluru, these buses are operational in other cities like Mysuru and Mumbai.

In Mumbai, there are 48 regular double-deckers still in service.

Meanwhile, Mumbai has taken lead by planning to induct 900 AC electric double-decker buses.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST) on January 25 cleared a contract to procure 900 AC electric double-decker buses on wet-lease for 12 years.

The project will cost over Rs 3,600 crore, sources said.

The first lot of 225 double-deckers is expected this year while the next batch of 225 buses may hit the city by March 2023 and the remaining 450 by June 2023.

The safety crown

With riders opposing the mandate on ISI label, traffic cops clear roadside helmet stalls

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The city traffic police department, who had been carrying out several awareness drives against wearing substandard helmets for two-wheelers, have now started to stop the sale of such helmets in the city. With motorists blaming the sellers of substandard helmets, the police have now started awareness campaigns and are clearing such roadside stalls to prevent them from selling it to motorists.

Though the traffic police have been carrying out the awareness drive for years, motorists still tend to compromise on the low-cost bad quality helmets, which don't protect their heads during accidents. Traffic police say that wearing ISI standard helmets will protect their head and minimise the injury.

A senior officer said that their aim is to discourage people from selling substandard helmets and not to hit the livelihood of those who are selling them. "We cleared many roadside helmet sellers and advised them not to sell those helmets to motorists as they don't serve the purpose and results in fatality during accidents. Though the public retaliated against the move, it is important to understand that one should not compromise their safety for a difference of Rs 1,000 for an ISI standard helmet."

He added, "We did not seize the helmets from the sellers and asked them to return it to the dealers and sell only ISI marked helmets. We cleared the stalls by booking them under the footpath encroachment act. In most cases, those who wear substandard helmets and those who don't lock the chin strap, meet with severe head injury and fatality during accidents. Two-wheelers are at most risk of getting into accidents and if they don't wear straps, the helmets fall off the head and won't protect them."

The officer stated that the motor companies too should consider providing two ISI marked helmets along with the two-wheelers along with the vehicle accessories that people don't compromise on the quality. "The drive was carried out across the city and all the two-wheeler riders wearing low quality helmets are being stopped and advised not to wear them. We are educating people to use good quality helmet, which covers their entire head along with the chin for their own safety," he said.

Talking heads

Police urge motorists to wear proper ISI-standard helmets — not just any head gear — at all times

On Jan 26, BM reported that BTP is planning to enforce stricter rules against wearing sub-standard helmets

Police too should follow the rule

A senior traffic police officer said that the helmets given to the police are not for road safety or for them to use while riding two wheelers. "Those helmets are provided by the department for their protection during bandobast duty and some staff are using it for riding two-wheelers. They have been asked to stop. They wear those helmets while on security duty while standing on ground and have been clearly guided to wear only ISI-marked helmets for riding," he said.

Not another morning walk

Woman files plaint against neighbour after dog 'attacks' her

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A 66-year-old woman has filed a complaint against her neighbour whose pet dog allegedly jumped on her, causing her to fall and break her hip.

Based on the woman's complaint, the HAL police have taken up a case against one Gangadhar, a resident of Ramesh Nagar near HAL, recently.

S Geetha (66), a resident of Ramesh Nagar, told the police that she was on her usual morning walks when she spotted her neighbour walking a dog along with his two daughters. "The dog was uncontrollably aggressive and Gangadhar was unable to control the dog despite it being leashed," Geetha told BM. When Geetha walked past them, the dog suddenly jumped on her and pushed her down, she added.

The incident took place opposite Mayura Bakery in Ramesh Nagar. "The force of the fall was so much that I realised that I had broken a bone in my hip. I was unable to stand even with support," Geetha said.

> **"The dog was aggressive and Gangadhar was unable to control the animal**
>
> –Geetha, complainant

The neighbour allegedly told Geetha that although the dog jumped, it did not touch her and she got scared of the dog and fell down herself. Geetha then called her daughter-in-law who rushed to the spot and took her to a hospital.

According to the complainant, Gangadhar had initially told her that he would bear her medical expenses, but when Geetha's total medical expenses including a hip surgery came up to Rs 3 lakh, he backed out. "Until now, my son has spent around Rs 3 lakh and there are injections costing Rs 5,000 each," Geetha told Bangalore Mirror.

Geetha and her son then approached the HAL police and filed a complaint. The police have taken up a case booking Gangadhar under IPC sections 289 - negligent conduct with respect to animal, and 338 - causing grievous hurt to any person by doing any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life, or the personal safety of others.

City cases below 7k

Continuing the decline in covid cases, Bengaluru reported 6,685 cases while Karnataka reported 14,366 cases on Tuesday. The State's positivity rate, which was at 33 per cent a few weeks ago, has now dipped to 13.45 per cent. The hospital discharges continued to be high with 60,914 patients being out of isolation or hospitalisation. However, the toll continues to be higher with 58 new deaths (including nine in Bengaluru) recorded. On the flip side, the testing has also gone down to 1,06,799 in the State from 2.14 lakh.

Postpone final year MBBS exams: Min

Bowing to the pressure from MBBS students, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr K Sudhakar has written to the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) to postpone the final year MBBS exams. Sudhakar wrote to the varsity stating, "Considering the plight of MBBS students, I have written to the Vice Chancellor of RGUHS to consider postponement of final year MBBS exams scheduled from February 22 and reschedule the examination providing sufficient time for preparation."

Computers can soon mimic brain

A scientist from Indian institute of Science has worked on applications of emerging materials that can help computers mimic functions that the brain can perform rapidly.

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 75-year-old widower and I am in good health. I have several hobbies that keep me occupied, and I believe in enjoying life to the fullest. I have often had a strong urge to have sex but have not pursued it because I don't have a partner. A few weeks ago, my house help, who is in her mid-thirties, offered to cooperate and attend to my urges. I had sex with her using a condom. Initially, it was difficult for me to penetrate her, as her vaginal opening was small and tight. Following the act, I experienced a burning sensation that lasted for some time. I applied gel to reduce the pain but it hasn't helped. Following the first incident, my maid has been demanding to have sex regularly. This scares me, and at this age, I would feel embarrassed about consulting a physician. Do I need to get tested for venereal diseases or other infections? What should I do? I am really worried.

Ideally, both of you should get yourself tested. Either you put a full stop to this activity, or if you wish to pursue it, ensure you always use a condom and engage in the activity occasionally.

2 I have a strong itching sensation in my scrotum. I have applied antibacterial cream and also prickly heat talc on the affected area but it hasn't helped. I don't want this to affect my sex-life. I am reluctant to share this with my partner as I feel she would judge me and refuse to have sex with me. What should I do?

Ensure you maintain good genital hygiene. Wash the area well daily with soap and water. Try applying Cloben G cream everyday twice a day for 10 days. If there is no improvement, please visit a skin specialist.

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Here's how you can prevent your concealer from creasing

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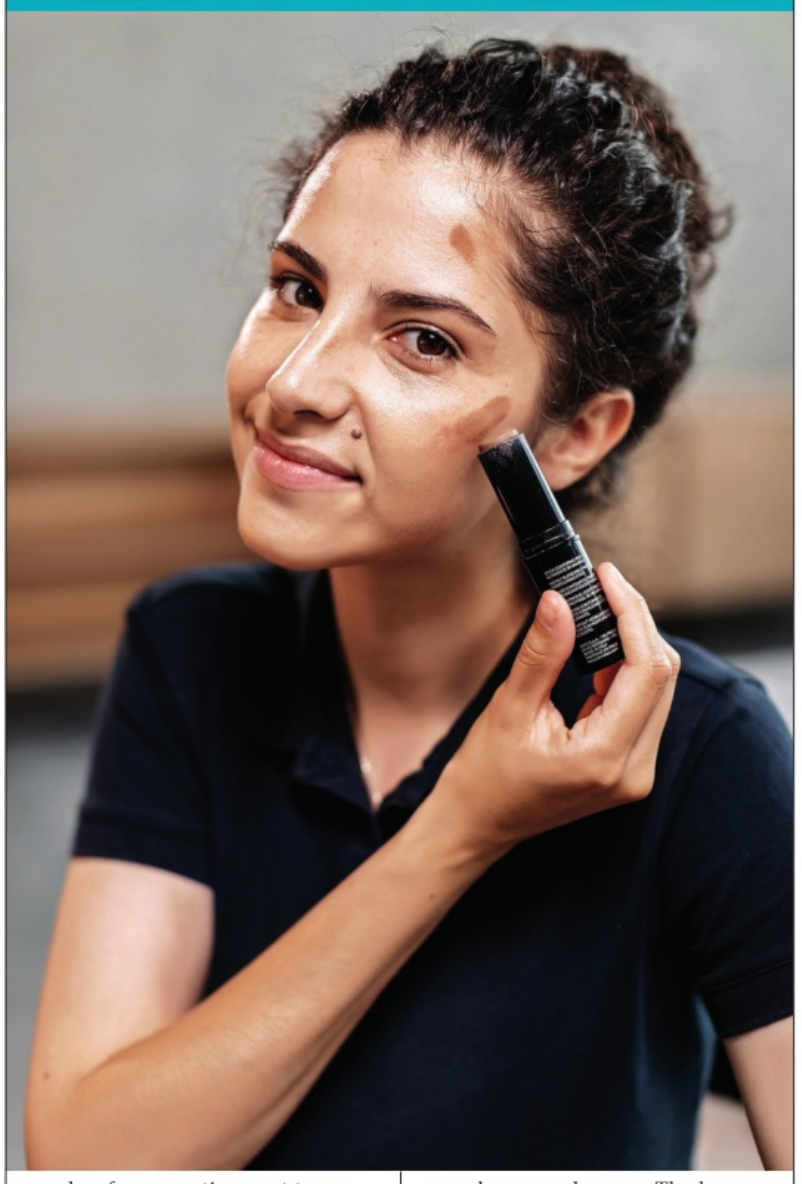

If you've lost all hopes with a concealer worrying about the creasing later, you've landed at the right place. A concealer is one product that's a must in every girl's makeup vanity to aid with any boo-boos on the skin and perhaps save you from looking majorly hungover on Monday mornings. However, many gals and guys have broken up with their long-time lover concealer just because of that unwanted creasing that happens when you're just about two hours into wearing your concealer. We know those lines totally suck so we've curated this list of super easy and simple hacks that can help you champion the skill of crease-proof concealer.

Get yourself a good eye cream

There's nothing worse than applying a thick concealer on dry and dehydrated under eyes. Creasing is the least you can expect in that case. Just like your face, it's critical to apply a nourishing eye cream to prep your under-eye area for the subsequent makeup sans any dryness or damage. "Working on a smooth surface guarantees a smooth make-up look. An eye cream has a different consistency and works very differently from a moisturiser as the skin around our eyes is as thin as a tissue paper and delicate, making it a must before wearing concealer," Stafford Braganza, National Makeup Artist & Technical Trainer, L'Oréal Paris, India.

Invest in a good, lightweight and blendable concealer

While cakey, full-coverage and unbelievably thick concealers are holy grails for some, it's a complete no-no for us. We need concealers for correction, not transformation so picking a lightweight, skin-friendly and blendable one is the smartest thing you can do. Such concealers not only make the application easier but also let you build up the coverage, if required. "Extremely thick concealers lead to a cakey look that can dry up and crease. The lesser the product, the more it can blend into your skin seamlessly," says Braganza.

Wear your concealer correctly

There's too much unsolicited information circulating around makeup application techniques on the internet and not all of 'em is true. The longevity and finish of the concealer are greatly influenced by the way it's applied, so you need to be sure of doing it right. "In my experience, the dotted line works best. Start by applying dots of concealer in a curve under your eyes with a light hand. Never apply it right below your lash line, apply it on the spot above your cheek-bones and blend upwards for the perfect finish. Remember to always press and roll or dab the concealer onto your skin as dragging it not only causes it to the crease but also lifts the product off your skin," explains Braganza.

Set it up

Nothing can substitute the effect of setting your under eye with a translucent powder over the concealer. It literally seals and locks the product in place, leaving very little scope for creasing. "Using a translucent powder helps by creating a barrier and trapping it onto your skin so the concealer doesn't streak or move even after long hours. Press it on top of your concealer to keep it looking fresh and smooth," suggests Braganza.

Bake to avoid concealer cakes

If simply setting your under-eye with some loose powder doesn't do it for you, trust baking to help. "Baking your makeup is the act of applying a setting or translucent powder to areas of the face that tend to crease over time. After applying the powder, you let it bake for 5-10 minutes and then dust off the remaining product for a flawless finish that lasts all day," says Braganza.

Beauty blender is the best

"I would prefer to use a moist beauty blender to blend in my concealer for a smooth application. Using a brush may drag the product across your skin, causing creases and more texture to show up," explains Braganza. Spilling the beans on her fave technique, she says, "As a personal preference, using my ring finger to dab in my concealer is the best tool for me as I can press it in softly without pulling the delicate skin around my eyes."

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Nail the art

While the general vibe of the year still feels uncertain, at least we're sure of the best nail designs with a bit of imagination, you can give a quirky, fun makeover to glam up your nails.

Enrich Beauty brigade breaks it down:

Modern French Manicures: We've all tried the classic French manicure at some point, but the colourful twist to a classic manicure is great. This season instead of reaching for the white nail polish, change it up with something that packs a punch, like a red, black, metallic, or your favourite bright shade. You can opt for gold or silver-hued tips and amp up your style quotient in no time.

Wavy Swirls: For a party-ready look, try accenting your fingernails with a single statement nail adorned with eye-catching swirls. From vivid pink nail polish to shimmering silver, start by polishing your nails with contrasting colours.

Elevated Glitter: For the love of all things glittery and glamorous a high-coverage glitter is your best bet. To bring the jewellery-inspired mani a bit more front and centre, pair the colours together on your nails to copy this simple glittery manicure.

3D Nails: As with many of our fave weird and wonderful beauty upgrades, the trend for 3D manis making its way around the globe and onto the fingertips. The nail art sees 3D accents like squiggles, flowers, comic stickers, water droplets, tiny cartoon characters, or anything else that interests you to add to nails for a little extra swag.

— IANS

₹ UNION Budget 2022

This is a budget amid covid pandemic. This is a forward looking budget as far as the growth of the economy is concerned and through this budget investments in infrastructure will increase and it will boost the further growth of the economy,

–Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

EV sector feeling charged

Industry watchers say Centre should also focus on more indigenous manufacturing of spare parts related to EV

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Electric Vehicles (EVs) got a push as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Centre's intention of coming up with a battery swapping policy. "Considering the constraint of space in urban areas for setting up charging stations at scale, a battery swapping policy will be brought out and interoperability standards will be formulated. The private sector will be encouraged to develop sustainable and innovative business models for Battery or Energy as a Service," Sitharaman said.

Many believe this can also result in reduction of the vehicle cost. Vivekananda Hallekere, CEO and Co-Founder, Bounce, told Bangalore Mirror, "There is a priority on battery swapping now. We have a concept called float battery - For every battery we allocate 30 to 50 per cent as float that was not getting subsidised under the FAME scheme. Now, we hope that this may attract the FAME subsidy as well." He said that land is a big challenge as of now so this will bring clarity on this. "I feel that the big announcement is that it has been categorised as infrastructure investment and this will result in opening up of debt access. Currently, EV users face range anxiety. This required more powerful batteries for two-wheelers and that makes scooters expensive.With battery swapping, scooter prices may come down by 50 per cent." Ketan Mehta (Founder and CEO, HOP Electric Mobility) said they would be happy to see reduction in EV ownership costs. "Since EVs are a practical alternate mode of mobility, the government's intent to improve the charging ecosystem will help ease migration to EVs," he said.

Sameer Aggarwal (Founder and CEO, RevFin) added that a policy on battery swapping would help in wide scale adoption of batteries as a service. This will reduce upfront ownership costs of electric vehicles and link that cost to vehicle running. "The overall running cost with battery service will work out to be more economical than usage of ICE based vehicles." According to Arun Sunny (Founder & CEO - Trouve Motor) battery swapping policy, and inter operable policy will bring down the cost of EVs drastically and also will make the adoption of EVs faster.

> **The big announcement is that it has been categorised as infra investment**
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> –Ketan Mehta, HOP Electric Mobility

On the other hand, an industrialist said there was a need for extension of the FAME scheme. Puneeth Gowda (CEO and MD, My EV STORE) said, "This will be beneficial for four-wheelers, B2B and Logistics Company with last mile connectivity." However, he said there is a need for standardisation in EV batteries. "Currently, different companies use different batteries and so people cannot charge at a common station. I feel the State Government should take a call on universal battery standardisation and then when this happens, we can go for universal battery swapping stations." He said that the Centre should also focus on more indigenous manufacturing of spare parts related to EV. "Currently, the market scenario is such that we are entirely dependent on the Chinese market hence we need to promote local manufacturing for EV eco system."

BM's report on January 25

States to be pushed to adopt ULPIN

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that states will be encouraged to adopt Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) to facilitate the IT-based management of records. "The facility for transliteration of land records across any of the Schedule VIII languages will also be rolled out," Sitharaman said. Bangalore Mirror had reported how Karnataka was now in the forefront of adopting ULPIN.

ULPIN is a 14-digit identification number issued to every plot of land in the country. It is described as "the Aadhaar for land" a number that uniquely identifies every surveyed parcel of land and prevents land fraud, especially in rural India, where land records are outdated and disputed. The minister further said that the adoption or linkage with National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) with the 'One-Nation One-Registration Software' will be promoted as an option for uniform process for registration and "anywhere registration" of deeds and documents. NGDRS is a citizen centric software designed for online property registration, uploading of documents, and online appointments with the SRO. **—BMB**

'Telecounselling can be game-changer in mental health'

NIMHANS to be nodal centre of network of 23 tele-mental health centres

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The pandemic has accentuated mental health problems in people of all ages. To better access to quality mental health counselling and care services Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget stated that a National Tele Mental Health Programme will be launched which will include a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre and International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support.

The Karnataka government was among the few states that started tele counselling in the early stage of pandemic stated tele counselling sessions. Covid patients suffering anxiety, panic and mood swings, people from various sectors such as migrant labourers, health care workers, teachers, international passengers sent to institutional quarantine were all assisted through tele counselling.

About NIMHANS being a nodal centre, Dr Pratima Murthy, director of NIMHANS said, "There is a big problem of mental health in the country. Covid exposed that mental health problems need to be looked at. The telecounselling will help reach out to other states. We have reasonable amount of mental health institutions in the country, which are supported by the government. They can be resources to train the counsellors." She added that with tele-counselling it is possible to stop psychological distress from leading to physical deterioration.

> **With immediate tele counselling, we can reach out to larger section of the vulnerable group**
>
> –Dr Pratima Murthy, NIMHANS

Dr. GSK Velu, Chairman & MD, Trivitron Healthcare and Neuberg Diagnostics said, "The fact that mental health counselling and care services found a place in the budget is a testament to how far we have come as a country. The launch of the tele mental health program can play a catalytic role in both normalising conversations around mental health and ensuring that people are able to seek support."

₹ UNION Budget 2022

I congratulate 25 MPs of our state and also our CM. The union government has rained sops and funds on Karnataka. The state has a big zero in all sectors. There is no reference to the state in the central budget

–DK Shivakumar, State Congress president

The winners take it all...

But Budget proves to be a let down for some sectors. We take a look at the winners and the losers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government laid out India's budget for the financial year starting April 1, months after a devastating second Covid-19 wave that crippled small businesses and deepened the country's already vast inequalities.

With five states, including the politically significant Uttar Pradesh, heading to the polls later this month, there were expectations that the budget would address issues of high unemployment. The state elections will be a mid-term assessment of Modi's popularity ahead of national elections in 2024.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Tuesday presented a budget that calls for a bigger spend to fire up growth in Asia's third-largest economy, as it stages a world-beating recovery from the pandemic.

Sitharaman proposed increasing the size of the economy's annual spending to 39.5 trillion rupees ($529 billion) to support growth plans. Here's a list of winners and losers from the federal budget announcements:

WINNERS

EV Battery Makers

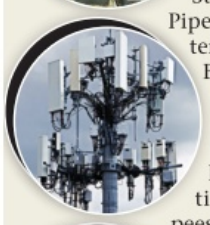
Crucial for plans to expand India's ambitions to promote clean transport technology, battery makers will gain from a new swapping policy for electric vehicles announced by Sitharaman. Beneficiaries will include Exide Industries Ltd. and Amara Raja Batteries Ltd.

Transport, Infrastructure

Plans for investments in remote roads, mass transit in cities and 400 new "Vande Bharat" trains in three years will benefit key infrastructure players including Larson & Toubro Ltd., GMR Infrastructure Ltd., KNR Constructions Ltd., IRB Infra Ltd., Container Corporation of India Ltd., Allcargo Logistics Ltd. and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp.

Metals

The government's 600 billion rupee allocation for piped water to 38 million homes and spending on logistics will benefit India's metals producers, including Vedanta Ltd., Tata Steel Ltd. and JSW Steel Ltd.Jindal Stainless Ltd. Pipemakers Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd., KSB Ltd., Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. could also benefit.



Solar

Production-linked incentives worth 195 billion rupees for solar modules to boost local manufacturing will turn the focus on growth at leading panel manufacturers, including Tata Power Ltd., Suzlon Energy Ltd., Adani Enterprises Ltd. and Reliance Industries Ltd.

Cement, Construction

The government's plan to build more homes for low-income earners across cities will mean more contracts for cement and construction majors UltraTech Cement Ltd., Ambuja Cements Ltd, Birla Corp. and ACC Ltd..

Telcos, Data Centers

The launch of 5G auctions in 2022 will help boost telco sector and the classification of data storage as infrastructure spending will benefit companies including Bharti Airtel Ltd., Reliance Industries Ltd., Vodafone Idea Ltd., Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., HFCL Ltd., Tejas Networks Ltd., Sterlite Technologies Ltd..

Digital Finance

Digital financial services providers in India are set to gain after Tuesday's budget focused on expanding such services. These include PB Fintech Ltd., the parent of PolicyBazaar, newly listed Paytm's owner One 97 Communications Ltd., eClerx Services Ltd. and Paisalo Digital Ltd., which provides smaller loans through its app.

Defense Manufacturers

Companies manufacturing defense equipment look to benefit from Sitharaman's plan to earmark 68% of the sector capex for local companies in the annual budget. Gainers include Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Bharat Forge Ltd. and Paras Defence and Space Technologies Ltd. The drone start ups that could benefit include Zeus Numerix, New Space India Ltd, and BotLab Dynamics.

LOSERS

State-Run Banks

India plans to start a digital currency, shifting the rules for traditional banking in the country as it tries to keep pace with the global move toward virtual financial instruments. The move will affect India's archaic lenders State Bank of India Ltd., Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.

Crypto Players

The decision to levy 30% tax on profits from digital asset transactions, including cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens, may rule out a blanket ban on such tokens for now but it will make trading in them less profitable. This will also affect crypto exchanges. Players affected include WazirX, Zebpay, CoinDCX and Coinswitch Kuber.

Coal and Thermal Power

The companies to watch after India's incentives for solar power and plans to use biomass pellets in thermal power plants in a bid to rely less on coal include Coal India Ltd. Singareni Collieries Co., Adani Enterprises Ltd. These companies are suppliers of imported coal.

Stainless Steel

India has made plans to revoke some anti-dumping and countervailing duties on stainless steel, coated steel flat products, bars of alloy steel and high-speed steel, given the rise in metal prices. This is expected to affect the biggest producer Jindal Stainless Ltd. and Tata Metaliks Ltd.

Automobile Makers

Car manufacturers, which received little attention from the finance minister, continue to reel under a global semiconductor crunch. The S&P BSE Auto Index was the worst performer among 19 sectoral gauges after Tuesday's budget announcement. Companies to watch include Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

(From ETOnline)

"While the thrust on infrastructure in the Union Budget 2022 is a welcome move, it is unfortunate that the Budget does not address any other issues that the real estate sector has been facing in the recent past. We are hopeful that the Government will consider some reforms that will help the recovery of the real estate sector given that it is a significant contributor to the GDP.

–Pavitra Shankar, Executive Director, Brigade Enterprise

"The government has made its intention of promoting startups very clear in this budget. Enunciation of the push to the digital economy will ensure exponential growth for startups. With strong government support, I am sure the number of new startups in 2022-23 will far exceed the number in the current financial year.

–Vinay Agrrawal, Founder, Hubbler

"The emphasis on digital is one of the most exciting aspects in the budget, especially the focus on using blockchain technology. Another important aspect is the focus on chemical-free natural farming, which will boost the production of organic produce and also replenish our farmlands and incentivize farmers to take up organic farming

–Gaurav Manchanda, Founder & MD, The Organic World

Metro projects get Rs 19,130-crore in Union budget

The Centre has allocated Rs 19,130 crore in the Union Budget 2022-23 for various metro projects in the country. An outlay of Rs 19,130 cr has been made in the Budget for metro projects across the country.

In November last year, Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri had said that 723 km of metro network was operational in 18 cities, and additional over 1,000 km of network under construction in various cities.

Separately, six new proposals were also being evaluated, he had said. Meanwhile, Delhi Metro officials said in recent years, the Union Ministry of Finance is providing Budget for all metro projects in India, instead of DMRC alone.

Accordingly, in Budget 2022-23, allocation made for all metro projects in India is Rs 19,130 cr.

The budgetary allocation in the last fiscal for metro projects was Rs 18,978 cr. The DMRC network's current span is nearly 392 km with 286 stations (including the Noida–Greater Noida Metro Corridor and Rapid Metro, Gurgaon).

Besides, metro services are operational in many other cities, including Lucknow, Mumbai, Banglore, Kochi, Hydrabad and recently operationalised in Kanpur.

An outlay of Rs 4,710 cr has been made in the Budget for projects of National Capital Region Transport Corporation. **PTI**

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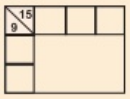
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

315 is the product of 6 different consecutive odd integers. There are 2 sets of such integers. What are they?

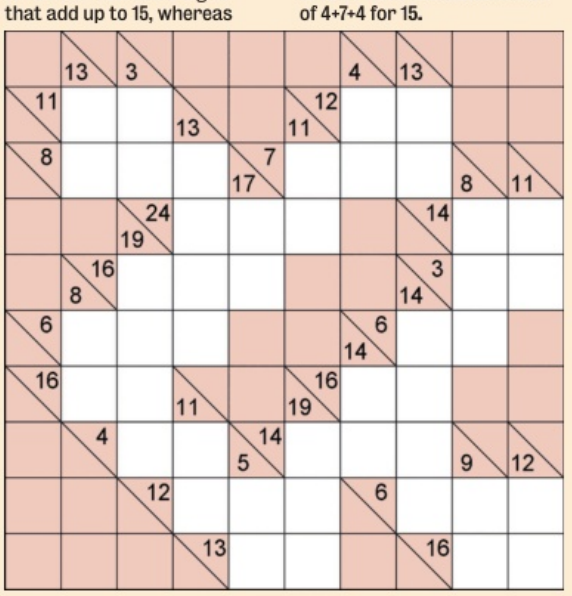
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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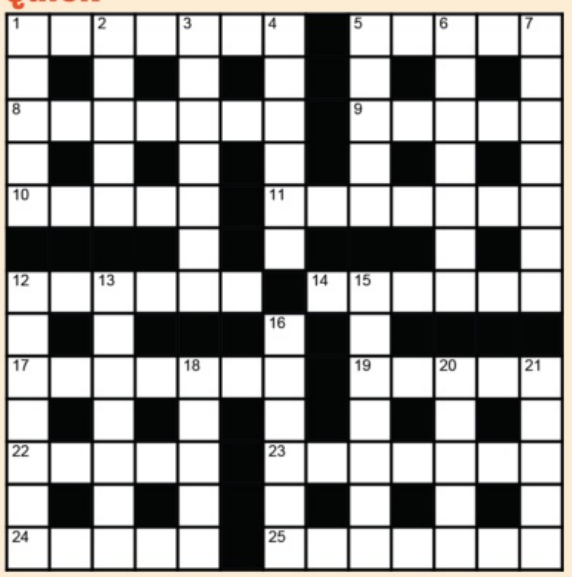


ACROSS

1 Depart hastily? (4,3)
5 Male singer (5)
8 Rock layer (7)
9 Batman's sidekick (5)
10 Ascend, go up a ladder or a mountain (5)
11 Lightest known metal (7)
12 Karnataka's royal city (6)
14 Consumed cigarettes (6)
17 Opponents of crosses! (7)
19 Famous (5)
22 Staggers (5)
23 Rock group helpers (7)
24 Former Kiwi batsman Nathan ___ (5)
25 Surrendered (7)

DOWN

1 Face the ____ : bravely face one's critics? (5)
2 Former Indian cricketer ____ Azad (5)
3 The tenth month (7)
4 Mum, dad, kids and relatives? (6)
5 Fortune-telling card (5)
6 A type of golf club (7)
7 Changed the title (7)
12 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
13 Pupil (7)
15 Ordinary (7)
16 Off track (6)
18 Precipitousness (5)
20 Attempted (5)
21 Gave medicine (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS T

KDS NHA ZDW PSRAHFDH XSPW IAVNSPA KDS PAA WJA LDHGQ FZ NZ DQFDSP GFOJW.

Linemaro

Wow.

Mindchow

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul

Joke of the day

Q: Why did the invisible man look in the mirror?
A: To see if he still wasn't there

Loop

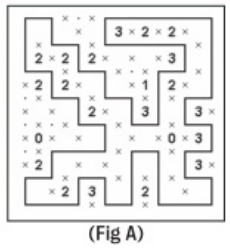
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

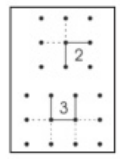
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

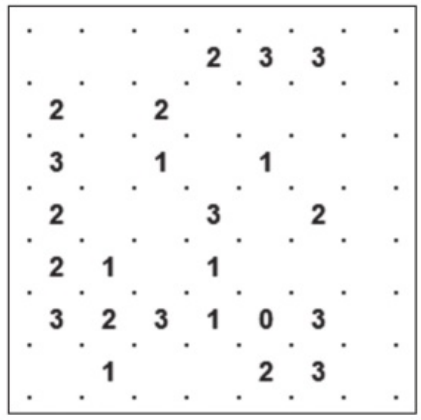
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



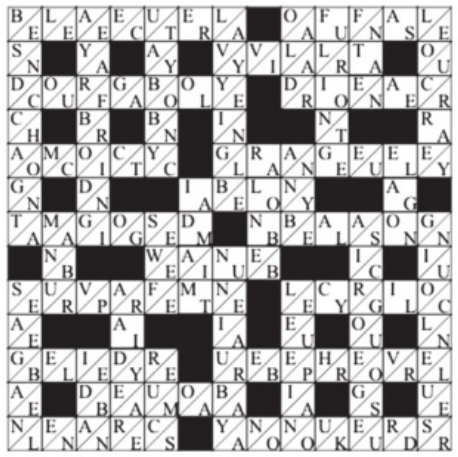
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



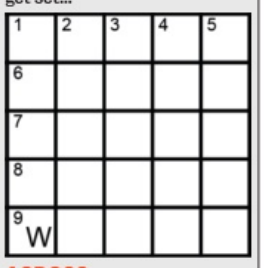
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Grebe; 6 Ex Doe;
7 Touts; 8 A race;
9 Sawed

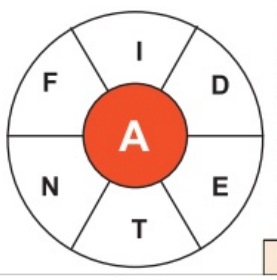
DOWN

1 Wears; 2 Taxer;
3 Do OBE; 4 Deuce;
5 Gates

Mensapuzzle

Which number is missing from the bottom triangle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; 16 Good; 18 Outstanding

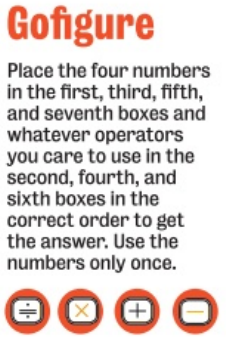
SudokuChallenge

	7		8		9		2	
	8		7	1	2		4	
		4				9		
7			9		6			1
6			4		7			3
		3				5		
	6		5	9	8		3	
	9		2		1		7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



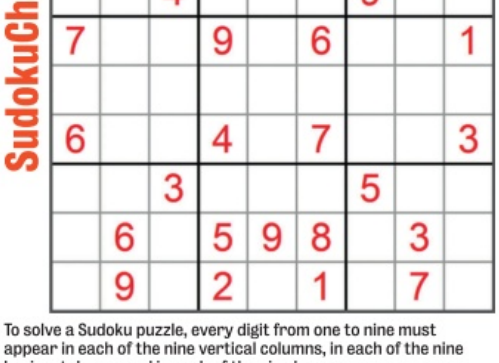
Easy = 25
2 4 6 7

Medium = 14
2 7 8 8

Hard = 2
5 9 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



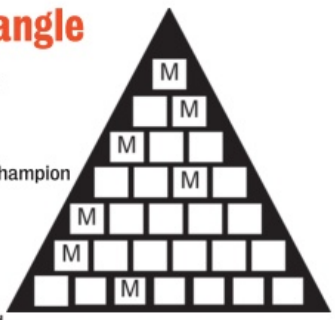
Differences: 1. Leaf is added. 2. Brim of hat is different. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Ear is smaller. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Tree trunk is different.

Riddler

Six letters have I, and many more; One word tells what the others are for; Conceal a thing is what I do; So what am I? Need a clue?

Alpha triangle

1 Thirteenth letter
2 I think therefore I
3 Deface
4 Ike's alma mater
5 Tie the knot
6 2013 Wimbledon Champion
7 Arsenal



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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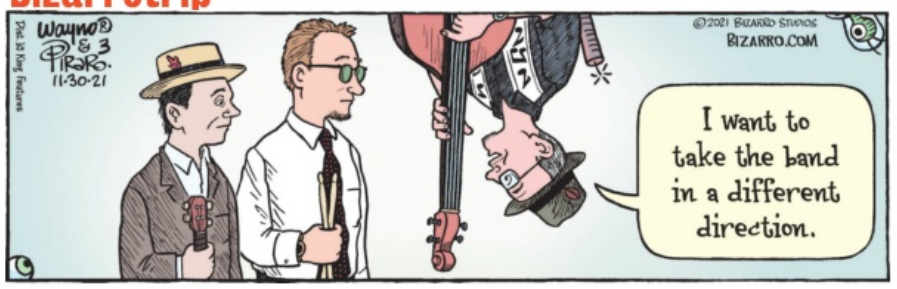

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SSHH! YOU'VE GOT A SECRET SANTA!!
BRENT
OOH, A CHALLENGE.
CHARLOTTE
SHE'S SO COOL! ANYTHING I GET HER HAS TO BE PERFECT.
HEART
OOH, AN EASY ONE.
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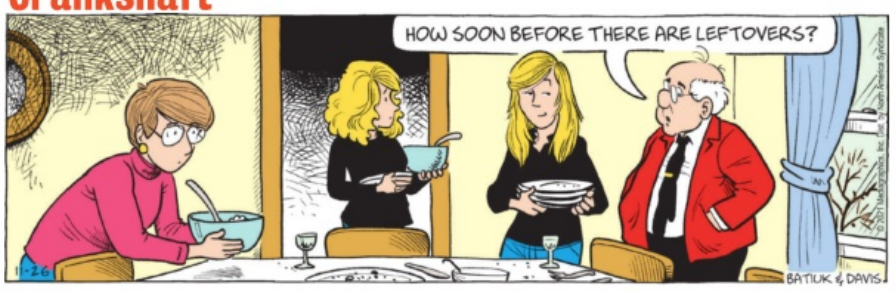
Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, blessings from elders may make you happy. Your investments may give you profits. Losses will convert into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kids' future. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may resolve now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by elders. Your patience level is now very good; your focus towards work may be very good. Parents' health will now become good. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments, which may increase harmony in your domestic life.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be spiritual and may help needy people around you. You also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious sites. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you, which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying with concentration.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull; you may be a victim of a hidden fear, which may make you scared. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation and chant some prayer, which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of elders' blessings, around late evening, you may come out from the messy situation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy at work. Your network may be increased and with the help of the network you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Natives related to films, glamour, household stuff and interior design will do better.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may find yourself in self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take interest in artefacts, movies, glamour and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may help needy people around you. It will increase your reputation among your surroundings. New ideas may come into your mind, you are likely to help other people around you. You might implement the innovation into your work, which may increase your business. Love birds may plan for an outing or some adventure tour.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be dissatisfied. You have some sort of detachment for your responsibilities, which may make you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also take care of your parents. If you're planning to migrate somewhere, it is advised to postpone it for some days.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a positive day for you; you may get success from your hard work on the professional and domestic front. You may have good focus and you may complete your work on time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff. You are advised to control spending on worthless stuff, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control using harsh words on people around you.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you to implement some difficult decisions in parental business, which may grow your parental business. You may help needy people around you, which may increase your social respect. Students may be clear in choosing their career.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull. Your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estates. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling. You may do some meditation, which will be helpful in sleeping well.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
315
= (−7)(−5)(−3)(−1)(1)(3) '6' consecutive odd integer
= (−3)(−1)(1)(3)(5)(7) '6' consecutive odd integer

RIDDLER A riddle

QUOTE UNCODE
You are not superior just because you see the world in an odious light.

FAST FIVE

R	E	B	E	G
E	X	O	D	E
S	T	O	U	T
A	R	E	C	A
W	A	D	E	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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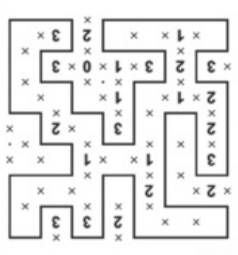
MENSA PUZZLE
39. Working from top to bottom, double each number and subtract 1, then 2, then 3 etc.

BULL'S EYE
alde, ante, anted, datt, date, deaf, dean, DEFIANT, detain, fade, faint, FAINTED, fate, fated, feat, flat, idea, neat

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 6 x 4 − 7 = 25
Medium
8 + 7 − 8 x 2 = 14
Hard
9 / 9 − 5 + 6 = 2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Am, Mar, Army, Marry, Murray, Armoury.

LOOP



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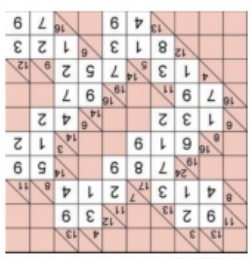

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Demi Moore, Margaret Qualley to team up
Actors Demi Moore and Margaret Qualley have been roped in to play the lead in Universal Pictures and Working Title Films upcoming project 'The Substance'. 'Revenge' fame Coralie Fargeat will be directing the project

INTERVIEW HARMANN KAUR, STYLIST

Style secret? A dash of swag

Allu Arjun's off-screen stylist Harmann Kaur tells us about his inimitable look

Be it Allu Arjun's dashing style, Rashmika Mandanna's 'Saami' hook-up step, or Samantha's hot item number 'Oo Antava', the craze around 'Pushpa: The Rise' is not mellowing down anytime soon. The world appreciated the beauty of the film that was released in multiple languages and has done impressively well at all the box office. While Allu Arjun's onscreen style has been recreated by famous personalities from different fields, ETimes decided to get in touch with the superstar's off-screen fashion stylist, Harmann Kaur, who not only revealed the actor's fashion statement but also shared how and what she learned from the actor over the years. Read on...

What is Allu Arjun's style mantra?
Effortless!

What is more important for Allu Arjun – comfort or style?
Definitely comfort and he adds his swag in everything he wears, even to the simplest of outfits.

How different is Allu Arjun's on-screen and off-screen look?
Very different! In fact, on-screen every actor has to play the character and that might not be them in real life. So there's a complete contrast of how an actor looks in a movie. Arjun sir pays special attention to every minute detail. In every movie of his, he has changed his looks over the years, right from make-up to his hair and beard/stash styles. A movie look is very carefully worked upon after a lot of research, studying the character, and taking references of people similar to the character he plays.

What are those things you will always find in Allu Arjun's wardrobe?
Accessories! Bunch of them.

What clothes is Allu Arjun most comfortable in?
Anything black in softer fabrics and easy to wear. Also, you will spot him in a lot of jog pants.

The thing that you learned while working with him...
Patience, hard work, and how to put your best foot forward. There were opportunities that started coming my way right from the first year of me as a stylist, but he advised me to be strong in my craft first, excel at what I do, and then take the plunge. That worked wonderfully for me!

You have styled other celebrities as well. What is so special about being associated with Allu Arjun and styling him? How is it different?
We are AA Family, that's how he refers to us and that is a very special place offered to us. I guess that sums it all. Besides that, all my clients are very special to me and I, as a stylist, put equal effort into every project, but Arjun sir is special as I started my styling career with him. He made me learn a lot of things and he will always be someone I really look up to.

— Tejashree Bhopatkar

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ROGHAN BADAM SHIREEN
Get Dabur Honey Free With Dabur Roghan Badam Shireen
BENEFITS OF 100% PURE BADAM OIL
Healthy Mind
Helps keep body warm in winters
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Good show, Gaalipata 2

The blockbuster combination of Yogaraj Bhat and Ganesh is back with Gaalipata 2, and the upcoming film seems to be creating the right kind of noise before its release.
The sequel, which is now in the post production stage, is said to be doing good pre-release business.

According to reports, the satellite and digital rights of the film have been sold to a top leading channel and digital rights of the film have been acquired for a whopping price.
Yogaraj Bhat confirmed the news and said that the team will not be able to disclose the amount, but he was happy with the kind of business the film has been making.

"Gaalipata released in 2008 was a blockbuster, and that has created a lot of anticipation with the sequel. Audience has put a lot of faith in Ganesh and my combination, and we are confident to meet their expectations. The film is now in post production and we have plans to release the film either in April or May depending on the other film releases and pandemic situation.

Gaalipata2, consisting of an ensemble cast features Golden star Ganesh along with Diganth and Pawan Kumar in the lead roles. The film also has Vaibhavi Shandilya, Sharmiela Mandre and Samyuktha Menon playing the female leads.

Anant Nag plays an important role in the film. Arjun Janya has composed music for the film and camerawork is handled by Santhosh Rai Pathaje.

— Mahesha H